

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the above amendments and in light of the following remarks and discussion.

Claims 31-56 are pending in the application. Claims 31-33, 39, 44, 49 and 53 are amended. Support for the changes to the claims is provided, among other portions of the originally filed disclosure, from page 15, line 19 to page 26, line 12 of the specification, as well as by Figures 3-8.

In the Office Action claims 31-56 are rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,768,483 to Maniwa et al. (Maniwa). It is requested that the rejection of the claims be withdrawn, and the claims allowed, for the following reasons.

The present invention, as set forth in independent claim 31, is directed to a filing system in which a data processing apparatus is connected to a file server via a network. Specifically, the independent claim recites a list displaying unit configured to display, on a display screen, a list of owner identifications or re-use owner identifications each containing at least one of user names and user identifiers, and a selection input unit configured to select one of the owner identifications or the re-use owner identifications from among the displayed list on the display screen when a corresponding selection button of the display screen is depressed.

It is submitted that neither the claimed list displaying unit nor the claimed selection input unit, as recited in independent claim 31, are disclosed or rendered obvious by Maniwa, which discloses a network printing/scanning system including a workstation 103, a file server 104 and a printer/scanner controller 107. Thus, Maniwa does not provide the advantages provided by the claimed invention, including displaying user names or identifiers on a display

screen, and permitting selection by depressing a button on that same display screen, thereby facilitating selection of the desired identification corresponding to the name or identifier.

For these reasons, it is requested that the rejection of independent claim 31 be withdrawn, and the allowance of the independent claim is requested.

Independent claims 32, 33, 39, 44, 49 and 53 are allowable for reasons similar to those discussed above with respect to independent claim 31. The allowance of these independent claims is therefore requested.

The remaining claims are allowable for the same reasons as the above-discussed independent claims from which they depend, as well as for their own features. Thus, the allowance of the remaining claims is requested.

Consequently, for the reasons discussed in detail above, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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